

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN 1915(b) PROGRAM

Project Name:	Family Care
Project Approval:	June 1, 2001
Project Effective Date:	January 1, 2002
Project Expiration:	December 31, 2003

PROGRAM SUMMARY

The State of Wisconsin operates a concurrent 1915 (b)/(c) waiver program entitled Family Care, which began implementation on January 1, 2002. Two separate 1915 (b) waivers are necessary to operate this program – one targeting adults aged 60 and above in Milwaukee County (Milwaukee County), and the other targeting adults aged 18 and over in Fond du Lac, Kenosha, LaCrosse, Portage, and Richland Counties (Multiple County). These two 1915 (b) waivers, when paired with appropriate 1915 (c) Home and Community-Based Services waivers, comprise the Family Care program. Family Care seeks to reduce 1915 (c) waiver waiting lists, and offer Home and Community-Based Services to more qualified individuals, by offering these services through Managed Care, with its inherent efficiencies.

HEALTH CARE DELIVERY

This concurrent 1915(b)/(c) waiver is operating under a Prepaid Health Plan (PHP) authority. County-based Care Management Organizations, (CMOs) provide services to Family Care recipients, with County-based Resource Centers operating as a “one-stop-shopping” entity, providing information to interested consumers about the range of service options, including Family Care, available in the state.

BENEFIT PACKAGE

Long-term care services and institutional services are provided through this waiver program.

EXCLUDED SERVICES

Acute-care services are not provided through this waiver – only long-term care and institutional services are provided.

LOCK-IN PROVISION

In order to receive traditional 1915 (c) Home and Community-Based Services, individuals must enroll in their appropriate Care Management Organization, operating as a PHP. Waiver recipients may disenroll from Family Care at any time, but they will lose their Home and Community-Based Services upon doing so.

PCCM MANAGER

Not applicable.

COST EFFECTIVENESS

Wisconsin projects savings of approximately \$19.2 million during the initial waiver period for the Milwaukee County waiver.

Wisconsin projects savings of approximately \$21.4 million during the initial waiver period for the Multiple County waiver.

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